

Mr. Runge,

I hope you will stand up to the

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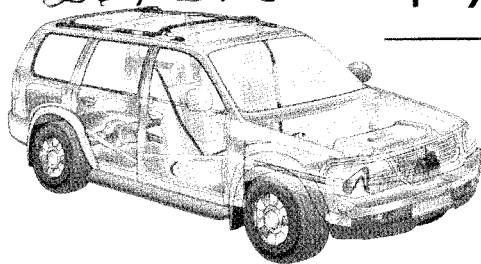
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we don't want polluting cars. Give us choices. Mary Rogers

DEMAND CLEANER, SAFER SUVs

What's at Stake

Reduced air pollution and fewer highway fatalities.

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How You Can Help

Tell the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration (NHTSA) that a better SUV blueprint exists for all Americans.

What's Happening

Sport utility vehicles (SUVs) are promoted as a safe and attractive alternative to the station wagon, but SUV drivers are three times more likely to die from a rollover crash than car drivers. In addition, the average SUV produces 125 tons of global warming emissions over its lifetime.

UCS recently unveiled the Guardian, an SUV design that could save thousands of lives each year from rollover and crash-related accidents and boost fuel economy. In fact, the Guardian would far exceed the 20.7 mpg government requirement for SUVs and even surpass the 27.5 mpg standard for cars—all for a mere \$750 increase in cost.

NHTSA Administrator Jeffrey Runge is not only considering changes to national fuel economy standards, but has also expressed serious concern over SUV safety in congressional testimony. Urge him to back up his words with actions to make SUVs safer for families and the environment.

What You Can Do

Write to Dr. Runge and tell him that if the auto industry used the "off-

shelf" technologies included in the UCS blueprint, the resulting SUVs would:

- **SAVE LIVES.** The Guardian's stronger roof, unibody construction, and improved seat belt technology would save thousands of lives every year.

- **SAVE MONEY.** The average SUV costs \$11,000 at the pump over its lifetime. The Guardian would put more than \$2,400 back in its owner's pocket.

- **SAVE GAS.** Engine modifications and an aerodynamic design result in a thrifty 27.8 mpg, meaning less

• MAKE NO COMPROMISES ON QUALITY.

The Guardian not only provides better safety and fuel economy, but also the same acceleration and power as a Ford Explorer.

Learn more about this issue and write to Dr. Runge through our SUV Solutions website at www.suvsolutions.org. Or, mail your letter to:

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